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Production of chicken meat rose 3 percent for January through October 2000 compared to the same period in 1999. The outlook for production in 2001 is for growth of around 5 percent.

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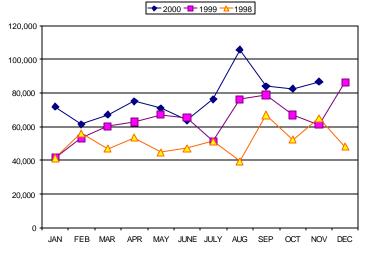
For the first ten months of 2000, exports of whole chickens were up 19 percent and exports of chicken parts were 25 percent higher than January through October 1999. Total exports were up 22 percent from 1999 and 52 percent from 1998. Brazilian poultry exporters are estimating a 12 percent increase in shipments in 2001.

January - October Chicken Exports							
Metric Tons	1998	1999	2000				
Whole Chicken	295,740	333,270	396,841				
Chicken Parts	203,614	290,050	361,307				
Total	499,354	623,320	758,148				
Value in Millions US\$ F.O.B.							
Total	599,752	730,354	670,987				

Although the volume of exports increased from 1999 to 2000, the value of those exports fell. This drop reflected the oversupply of poultry in the international market and new Brazilian exporters entering the international market.

Exports to Europe have been growing. In November chicken exports totaled 86.7 thousand tons of which 13.5 thousand tons went to Europe. This represented a 14 percent increase over October and was 76 percent higher than November 1999. Exports to Europe are expected to remain strong with continued growth in the coming months.

1998-2000 Brazilian Chicken Exports in Tons



Source: FNP Consulting Co. www.fnp.com.br, USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Share of Selected Countries in

Poultry Programs

World Export Volume of Poultry Meat (percent)							
	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	
U.S.	36.1	42.7	45.6	45.1	46.8	43.7	
EC-15	21.3	18.2	18.2	15.5	16.1	16.9	
Brazil	17.4	13.9	9.7	10.7	7.2	10.9	
*HK/China	5.6	5.7	7.3	10.1	9.9	10.0	
Thailand	5.9	5.0	4.3	3.5	3.4	2.8	
Hungary	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.3	
Poland	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	8.0	1.0	
Bulgaria	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	2.0	
So Africa	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Turkey	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Czech	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Romania	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Slovak	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Rest of World	9.3	10.6	11.3	11.8	12.8	11.9	
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*Hong Kong Source: WTO Annual Report

Canada to Create an "Eggs for Processing" Program

The Canadian Egg Marketing Agency (CEMA), the national organization representing Canada's supply-managed egg producers, is revamping its current production and pricing system for industrial eggs. CEMA will create a two-tier production system, one for table eggs and one for processing eggs. Processors will contract with producers for their egg requirements. Prices will be negotiated outside of the national pricing formula for table eggs. CEMA believes the new program will be fully WTO compliant. Once the new "Eggs for Processing" system is adopted, demand in Canada for U.S. nest run eggs for processing will be greatly diminished. The proposed changes are targeted for implementation early in 2001.

At the inception of the CEMA in 1972, only about 5 percent of Canada's egg supply were destined for the breaking industry compared to about 20 percent in recent years. Increasing quantities of table eggs are diverted to the breakers at subsidized prices for domestic and export markets. In recent years, Canadian egg processors' demand for breaking eggs was more than the domestic industry could supply. Imports of breaking stock rose and, beginning in 1996, all of the increase in Canada's WTO minimum access commitment for eggs was allocated to breaking stock.

For the first 45 weeks of the year, imports of breaking stock grew 200 percent in 1997, 81 percent in 1998 and 56 percent in 1999 before dropping 23 percent in 2000. In 1999 Canada exported 28,493 dozen eggs and imported 25,070,579 dozen eggs. Processed egg exports totaled 5,469 metric tons compared to imports of 8,915 metric tons. However, due to the large volume of higher priced dried egg white and egg yolk exported, Canada's exports were valued 80 percent higher than imports.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service, Agriculture Canada

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade				LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UI	NDER INSPECT	TON W/	E 09-Dec-00	
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)				(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY				
Week Ending Dec 09, 2000 Year-To-Date				LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL		
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999		HENS	HENS	HENS
Liquid	99	255	7,176	12,732		TI	HOUSANDS	S
Frozen	0	0	239	6	HEAD	1,927	1,353	3,280
Dried	76	0	653	644	LAST WEEK	1,876	1,346	3,222
Total	175	255	8,068	13,382	SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,167	1,425	3,592
U.S. Imports Fr	om Canada, i	n Pounds (0	000) (Prelimir	nary)	TO-DATE/2000	92,378	70,585	162,963
Week Ending D	ec 09, 2000		Year-To-[TO-DATE/1999	100,886	69,171	170,057
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA			Α
Liquid	150	97	4,833	4,456		LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
Frozen	28	21	880	606		HENS	HENS	HENS
Dried	76	0	916	310	THOUSANDS			S
Total	254	118	6,629	5,372	HEAD	447	11	458
Inspected Shell Eggs				LAST WEEK	376	11	387	
U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)				SAME WEEK YR AGO	488	0	488	
Week Ending D	ec 09, 2000		Year-To-	Date	TO-DATE/2000	21,895	387	22,282
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999	TO-DATE/1999	22,413	282	22,695
Jumbo	0	60	2,271	1,418	SOURCE: AGRICULTURE	E CANADA, PL	TRY DEVEL	OPMENT DIV.
Extra Large	1,900	1,860	50,646	42,598	TOTAL U	.S. FOWL SLA	JGHTERED	
Large	7,525	1,895	145,112	146,848	IN TH	HE U.S. AND CA	ANADA	
Medium	1,780	3,380	38,897	52,956		LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
Ungraded	6,960	9,270	388,544	611,613		HENS	HENS	HENS
Misc	900	0	12,737	11,622		TI	HOUSANDS	S
Total	19,065	16,465	638,207	867,055	HEAD	2,374	1,364	3,738
/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to			LAST WEEK	2,252	1,357	3,609		
rounding.				SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,655	1,425	4,080	
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in				TO-DATE/2000	114,273	70,972	185,245	
cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Pltry Development Div.				TO-DATE/1999	123,299	69,453	192,752	

NOTICE

"Effective January 5, 2001, all prices and volumes of mechanically separate chicken meat and chicken with added skin will be reported on an FOB shipper dock or equivalent basis so prices can be more accurately compared within and between regions."

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 15-DEC-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	F	ROZEN	FRESH			
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED			
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK			
15% OR LESS						
RANGE	-	-				
WTD AVERAGE						
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.						
CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN						
15% OR LESS						

- 14.00-15.00

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RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

61,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 15-DEC-00

CHICKEN PRICES --FROZEN-----

-----FRESH-----

300,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

RANGE 16.25-21.00 - 17.00 WTD AVERAGE 18.14 17.00 380,000 pounds, this includes 100,000 pounds for export

shipment. 15-20%

RANGE 16.00-24.00 - 12.00 13.00-16.00 WTD AVERAGE 19.08 12.00 13.90

2,040,000 pounds, this includes 1,280,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE - - - 13.50 WTD AVERAGE - - 13.50

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment. *INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS DECEMBER 15, 2000

Trade sentiment steady to weak on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Demand light to instances fair as some further processors work extended late week processing schedules to cover unexpected logistical issues. Domestic bulk parts demand and trading light and consisted mostly of mixed loads. Light volumes of tails traded at 21.50-25 cents delivered domestic. Trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts steady to weak with only limited inquiry and trading noted at lower price levels. Export demand and trading greatly improved on thigh meat and drums for prompt shipments to Mexico in response to the new permits and the upcoming holidays. Export interest was also noted for Russia and Asia. Open priced export fresh tom trading light.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2000 EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-24.00	CODE II	23.29	1,320	23.53	1,960
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00-19.50		19.33	156	20.18	444
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.50		25.50	312	25.50	312
TAILS		W	23.00	120	22.60	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	23.00	200	23.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00-77.00		74.20	200	73.75	640
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2000						
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	RANGE 22.50-23.00	CODE 1/	PRICE 22.64	(000) 144		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	80		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.50	468		
TAILS		W	23.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	23.00		23.00	200		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	73.78	360		
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2000						
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
DDI MACTICIAS TOMAS	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	80		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00	5	20.00	156		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	00.00	R	25.50	468		
TAILS	23.00	_	23.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	70.00.74.00	F	24.00	156		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00-74.00		73.78	360		
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2000						
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	24.50	416		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	20.50	52		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.50	468		
TAILS		M	22.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	24.00	156		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	72.50	80		
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2000						
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
DDI IMAGTICIZO TOMAS	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-26.00		24.50	416		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.50	Б	20.50	52		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	00.00	R	25.50	468		
TAILS	22.00	_	22.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	70.50	F	24.00	156		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.50		72.50	80		

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.